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foothold in soil that is thus probably exceedingly well prepared, and that Chinese as a race succumb so readily to almost any disease which attacks them.

During the week ended March 5, 1904, no vessels left this port for ports under the jurisdiction of the United States, hence no bills of health were issued. This condition of affairs can be accounted for only by the general disarrangement of shipping schedules on account of the war now existing between Japan and Russia, which has resulted in the withdrawal of a great many ships from service and others being diverted to other than their usual destinations.

The vessels which remain in service seem, however, to be taking up a portion of the passenger and freight business which was heretofore carried by the steamers now withdrawn. It is expected that before very long schedules will be restored to nearly if not quite normal.

The municipal health officer reports that during the week there occurred 1 case and 6 deaths from smallpox, 1 case of enteric fever, 1 case of diphtheria and 6 deaths, and 34 deaths from tuberculosis. Total mortality, 129 natives and 2 foreigners.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports.

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Reports from Cienfuegos, weekly and monthly—Precautionary fumigation of steamship Capri from Para.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, April 5, as follows: Week ended April 2, 1904.

| Ships inspected and bills of health issued | . 4 |
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| Crews inspected | 131 |
| Passengers inspected | . 4 |

On March 30 the steamship *Capri* arrived at this port from Para and was fumigated as a precautionary measure against plague.

No quarantinable disease has arrived at this port during this week.

Report for the month of March, 1904.

| Vessels inspected and bills of health issued | $\frac{26}{783}$ |
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| Passengers inspected. | 32 |
| Mortuary report for Cienfuegos, month of March, 1904. | |
| Tuberculosis | 16 |
| Malaria | 8 |
| Enteric fever. | 1 |
| Tetanus, infantile | 5 |
| Enteritis | 5 |
| Entero-colitis | 2 |
| Disease of the kidneys. | |
| Disease of the heart and blood vessels. | 8 |
| Pneumonia | 1 |
| Meningitis | 3 |
| Other causes | 19 |
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The sanitary condition of the city remains fairly good, and the local health authorities are to be commended for maintaining the excellent conditions with the funds at their disposal.